

**Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) An ophthalmoscopy lens system, comprising:

a contact lens element having a posterior lens surface with a concave shape substantially corresponding to the shape of an average cornea, and an anterior surface;

an image forming lens element having anterior and posterior surfaces, wherein said posterior surface of said image forming lens element has a shape corresponding to the shape of the anterior surface of said contact lens element; and

a retaining ring configured to maintain said contact lens element and said image forming lens element in a mating relationship with one another wherein said contact lens element and said image forming lens element are maintained in mating relationship with one another ~~without an air space therebetween~~ without the use of an adhesive agent therebetween.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The ophthalmoscopy lens system of claim 16, wherein said contact lens element and said image forming lens element are maintained in mating relationship with one another with a fluid layer located therebetween.

19. (previously presented) The ophthalmoscopy lens system of claim 16, wherein said retaining ring comprises an annular ring configured such that said retaining ring extends around the outer circumference of said image forming lens element, and further wherein said retaining ring is configured to engage said contact lens element so as to maintain the contact lens element and the image forming lens element in said mating relationship.

20. (previously presented) The ophthalmoscopy lens system of claim 19, wherein said retaining ring includes a groove extending about the interior circumference of said retaining ring, and further wherein said contact lens element includes a plurality of mounting tabs configured to be positioned within said groove for maintaining the contact lens element and the image forming lens element in said mating relationship.

21. (previously presented) The ophthalmoscopy lens system of claim 16, wherein said anterior surface of said contact lens element is concave, and said image forming lens element is biconvex.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)